

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Kenneth W. Fields
Name of person signing certification

Kenneth W. Fields
Signature

January 18, 2006
Date

Revised PTO/SB/30 (02/01)

REQUEST for CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/783,603
Filing Date	February 15, 2001
First Named Inventor	Mamoru SHOJI et al.
Group Art Unit	2856
Examiner Name	Nabil Z. Hindi
Attorney Docket Number	2001_0160
Confirmation No.	9404

FAX RECEIVED

JAN 18 2006

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - ☐ Previously submitted:
 - ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
 - ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Other.
 - ☒ Enclosed:
 - ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☒ Other Petition to Withdraw From Issue Under 37 CFR 1.313(c); PTO Fee Transmittal Form
- Miscellaneous
 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required).
 - ☐ Other.
- Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.
 - ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - ☒ Other Petition fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h)
 - ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

4. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

01/20/2006 CKHLOK 00000033 230975 09783603

02 FEB 18 2006 790.00 DA

CUSTOMER NO.

000513

By:

Kenneth W. FieldsKenneth W. Fields
Registration No. 52,430

WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P.
2033 "K" Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Phone: (202) 721-8200
Fax: (202) 721-8250

January 18, 2006

COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

BEST AVAILABLE COPY